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Dear Sir:

The above-identified application is a division of, and claims priority benefit under 35 U.S.C. § 120 to, pending U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/255,450 (filed September 26, 2002), which itself is a division of, and claims priority benefit under § 120 to, U.S. patent application Serial No. 09/599,213 (filed June 22, 2000) now U.S. Patent No. 6,465,458.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(b), enclosed herewith is a completed Form PTO-1449 identifying documents that may be considered material to the examination of the above-identified application. Also enclosed herewith and identified on the enclosed Form PTO-1449 are copies of the following publications:

- (a) U.S. Patent No. 6,465,458;
- (b) U.S. Patent No. 6,610,690, which issued on August 26, 2003, from U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/037,344, which is a division of, and claims priority benefit under § 120 to, the '213 application;

(c) U.S. Patent No. 6,642,235, which issued on November 4, 2003, from U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/099,334, which is a division of, and claims priority benefit under § 120 to, the '213 application;

(d) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2002/0061910 A1 for U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/020,261, published on May 23, 2002, which is a division of, and claims priority benefit under § 120 to, the '213 application;

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(f) U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2003/0040464 A1 for U.S. patent application Serial No. 10/255,450, published on February 27, 2003, which is a division of, and claims priority benefit under § 120 to, the '213 application.

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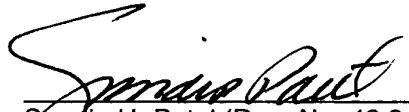
An early and favorable action on the merits is respectfully requested.

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